

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the December 22, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-9 were withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference to Brown (United States Patent No. 3,908,268). With respect to claims 2, 3, and 7-9, the Brown reference was combined with Jansson, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,404,746) in rejecting the claims as being obvious.

As indicated above, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4 and 6-9. Claims 13-17 have been allowed. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance, notice of which is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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